REMARKS

Claims 29-36 are pending herein. Claims 1-28 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

This application is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation application of Serial No. 10/418,088 filed April 18, 2003 which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/475,228 filed December 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,611,820; which is a continuation application of Serial No. 08/849,468, filed June 9, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,081,785; which is a U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP96/02924, filed October 8, 1996.

Claims 29-36 are presented for examination herein. Support for applicants' claims is present in applicants' disclosure, as follows: Claim 29 recites "reading means" and claim 33 recites a step for using the reading means. See applicants' Fig. 6 showing reproduction part 820. Claim 29 recites "communication means" and claim 33 recites a step for using the communication means. See applicants' Fig. 6 showing communication part 822. Claim 29 recites "unlocking means" and claim 33 recites a step for using the unlocking means. See applicants' Fig. 6 showing cipher decoder 821. Claim 29 recites a "server" and claim 33 recites a step for using a server. See applicants' Fig. 6 showing second computer 821a.

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The title, abstract and specification have been amended in the same manner as in the parent and continuation applications and to identify the parent and continuation applications.
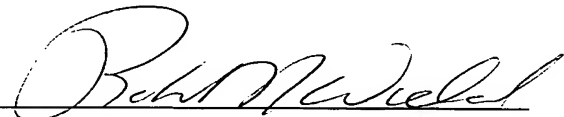
Filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement listing all references cited during prosecution of the parent application.

Examination and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

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